**Useful links to the Siyi (Seiyap) 四邑 Four counties area in Guangdong province廣東省.**

Siyi (Seiyap) 四邑 “four counties”refers to four specific counties in Guangdong Province 廣東省, namely: Xinhui (Sanwui) 新會 , Kaiping (Hoiping) 開平, Tashan (Toisan) 台山 , and Euping (Janping) 恩平 claiming to be the hometown of millions of overseas Chinese all over the world. The websites and comments below are provided to assist researchers in further family history and genealogical study of the Siyi (Seiyap) area. Those for Taishan (Toisan) are shown under a separate heading.

From Wikipedia:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siyi>

<https://zh-yue.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E5%9B%9B%E9%82%91>

<https://zh.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E5%9B%9B%E9%82%91%E6%B0%91%E7%B3%BB>

From: Bai/Baidu:

<http://baike.baidu.com/view/968376.htm>

Other miscellaneous sites:

<http://himmarklai.org>

This is the digital archive of Him Mark Lai who was one of the foremost scholars on Chinese American studies and sometimes called the Dean of Chinese American Historians.  Articles can be found on the migrations of Chinese to America coming from many parts of China especially the Pearl River delta region珠江三角洲 which includes the Seiyap四邑area. Of special note is his: *Wuyi and Liangyang regions, Geographical and Historical Notes* found in the Roots Program section.  It provides extensive background on the Seiyap area, mostly taken from local gazetteers.

[http://villagedb.friendsofroots.org/search.cgi](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__villagedb.friendsofroots.org_search.cgi&d=CwMFaQ&c=z0adcvxXWKG6LAMN6dVEqQ&r=LOCSuLsHgi6XyztTFnH6s465ASfu6cwwBEUbNrg1RHc&m=Yls-hdd8i7lL76pZ0qWsC7pjCakGbBCYrit3oIWN9gc&s=xXsopyf7a45xjIp0ZF12FcwhLcgk_OKfTxecu9ujhHI&e=)

This is a most comprehensive and useful village database for the Seiyap area (it also includes Zhongshan).  You can search village names sorted by surname.  This data was originally collected by the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong and put together to assist in the effort to catch immigration fraud during the days of the Chinese Exclusion Acts.

[http://siyigenealogy.proboards.com](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__siyigenealogy.proboards.com&d=CwMFaQ&c=z0adcvxXWKG6LAMN6dVEqQ&r=LOCSuLsHgi6XyztTFnH6s465ASfu6cwwBEUbNrg1RHc&m=Yls-hdd8i7lL76pZ0qWsC7pjCakGbBCYrit3oIWN9gc&s=U18VNDZp0w7eyXIbdDJg3B1eqnZuJTFJGa_QiJgjEpk&e=)

This is the Siyi Chinese Genealogy Forum.  While this website has the name "siyi" in the title, it is consists of forum boards where different topics concerning Chinese genealogy are discussed.  It has over 2000 members from around the world and its members are active in helping fellow Chinese genealogists.  Its forum boards, communicated in English, range from very general board topics such as “Chinese genealogy” where questions and insights to Chinese genealogy are posted, to specific topics such as “Location, location, location” where aid in mapping or locating a Chinese village can be obtained.  Because it is an English language forum, the users tend to be descendants of Chinese immigrants.  Consequently, a fair amount of dialogue connects back to the Siyi area.

<http://usgwarchives.net/ca/losangeles/cemeteries/chinese.htm> Extensive list of Chinese buried in the Los Angeles cemetery providing names and place of birth in Chinese. Many are from the Siyi (Seiyap) area.

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections/chineseinca/> Bancroft Library, Chinese in California 1850- 1925.

<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt5p3019m2> Online Archive of California, Guide to the Chinese in California Virtual Collection

<http://www.qb.gd.gov.cn/english/brief/200406100026.htm> Overseas Chinese Affairs of Guangdong